

# Lightning Talk

5 points. May be repeated.

A lightning talk is a highly structured presentation strictly limited to exactly 20 slides and delivered in class in exactly 5 minutes. A good lightning talk takes a good deal of preparation. The objective of this talk is to give students an opportunity to build presentation skills, exercise their creative abilities, and to work within a strong constraint. You must incorporate research into your talk. 2-3 quality sources beyond those discussed in class should be sufficient. Include the citations on a bibliography slide. See also the sample “lightning talk lightning talk” for additional tips.

If your talk deviates by more than 30 seconds from the 5 minute limit, or has a number of slides other than 20, I will give you a REVISE. You won't get another chance to deliver the talk for the class, but you **will** have the opportunity to turn in a 1-2 page plan for how you would improve your slide deck and delivery in order to meet the time and slide constraints. Such a plan must be detailed and thoughtful.